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**Applicant:** Michael et al.

**Appl. No.:** 10/038,968

**Group:** 1771

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**Examiner:** J. Boyd

**For:** STRUCTURALLY ENHANCED SOUND AND HEAT ENERGY  
ABSORBING LINER AND RELATED METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 26, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted. In view of these, the Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination culminating in a Notice of Allowability.